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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING STENTS AND CORRESPONDING STENTS**

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